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PROPOSALS

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1. OVER WEEKEND GOC TOOK STEPS TO PREVENT ANY SPLITTING
OF RANKS ON INTERNAL FRONT OVER QUESTION OF WHETHER
TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS ARE SUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY
RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, AND ALSO TOOK ISSUE
WITH FIRST EXPRESSION OF INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR
RESUMPTION.

2. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ISSUED STATEMENT APRIL 15 PROFESSING AMAZEMENT THAT "A SMALL SECTION OF THE CYPRUS PRESS" WAS TAKING POSITIONS HELPFUL TO TURKISH PROPAGANDA. IN CLEAR REFERENCE TO WEEKLY AMMOKHOSTOS' EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PROPOSALS MIGHT PROVIDE FOR RETURN OF 70,000 REFUGEES (REFTEL), SPOKESMAN CALLED SUCH REPORTS AN INADMISSIBLE ATTEMPT TO MISLEAD CITIZENS OF FAMAGUSTA AND TO DISRUPT THE PEOPLE. HE SAID WHOLE SPIRIT OF NEWSPAPER ARTICLE TENDED TO DRIVE A WEDGE INTO THE SOLID FRONT. HE REITERATED GOC'S INTENTION TO DEFINE ITS ATTITUDE ONLY AFTER TURKISH PROPOSALS WERE OFFICIALLY RECEIVED AND EXAMINED BY NATIONAL AND MINISTERIAL COUNCILS.

3. IN SEPARATE STATEMENTS SAME DAY, SPOKESMAN ANSWERED QUESTION ABOUT REPORTS THAT BRITISH FCO OFFICIALS HAD EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT TURKISH PROPOSALS WOULD LEAD TO RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS. HE SAID IT WAS AMAZING THAT SUCH STATEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT AND GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE (SIC) RECEIVED TEXT OF PROPOSALS.

4. IN SERMON ON APRIL 16, ARCHBISHOP CHRYSOSTOMOS TOOK SIMILAR, BUT MORE OUTSPOKENLY NEGATIVE, LINE. HE SAID CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP WOULD GIVE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO TURKISH PROPOSALS AFTER SEEING THEM OFFICIALLY, BUT THAT SO FAR THEY APPEARED INADMISSIBLE. HE SAID NEWS-PAPERS WHICH SUGGESTED PROPOSALS PROVIDED FOR RETURN OF CONFIDENTIAL

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70,000 REFUGEES WERE SERVING AIMS OF TURKS, WHO SOUGHT TO MISLEAD WORLD OPINION.

5. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE GOC IS WORRIED BY POSSIBILITY THAT COMINATION OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL FORCES WILL PUSH IT INTO AGREEING TO RESUMPTION OF TALKS BEFORE IT IS READY, I.E., BEFORE U.S. CONGRESS RESOLVES EMBARGO ISSUE. THEREFORE IT IS SEEKING TO CONTROL OR DISCREDIT INTERNAL ELEMENTS -- EXPECTANT REFUGEES AND MODERATE RIGHT --WHICH WANT TO RESUME TALKS. AT SAME TIME GOC IS TRYING TO PREVENT TURKISH SIDE FROM SUCCEEDING IN CONVINCING INTERNATIONAL OPINION THAT ITS PROPOSALS ARE REASONABLE, WHICH EXPLAINS PROMPT NEGATIVE REACTION TO REPORTED BRITISH POSITION. WE EXPECT THESE CONCERNS WILL GOVERN GOC'S POSITON IN ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH WALDHEIM, AND IT WILL TRY TO DISSUADE HIM FROM ISSUING UNEQUIVOCAL CALL FOR RESUMPTION OF TALKS. END OF COMMENT. STONE

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